

8-Day Venice, Florence, Rome Italy Tour



The 8 Day Venice, Florence, Rome tour is a quick trip through Italy's major sightseeing attractions. In Venice you'll visit St Mark's Square to see St Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. You'll also visit the island of Murano to see the glass-blowing artisans in action. After 2 nights in Venice your tour continues to Florence. On the way to Florence you'll tour Pisa's Field of Miracles. This is where the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located. Then your vacation will visit Tuscany. In Tuscany you'll visit an authentic Tuscany farm to sample local culinary traditions like olives, olive oil, wine, cheese and prosciutto. After Florence for 2 nights your vacation heads to Rome. Along the way you'll tour Assisi where Giotto's frescoes of the life of St Francis Assisi are located. In Rome you'll tour the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel.

DAY 1, Friday – Depart USA

Depart the USA for Italy. Your flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment

DAY 2, Saturday – Arrive in Venice

Arrive and transfer to your hotel in Venice Lido. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your tour escort, followed by a welcome dinner

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday – Venice City Tour

Today begins with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. Visit St. Mark's Square to begin a guided walking tour of romantic Venice. View the Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs and visit the Doge's Palace, whose facade features

a massive late-Gothic gate, known as the Porta della Carta. Take the remainder of the day to explore Venice on your own. Transportation is included for your return to the hotel

Optional: Gondola Ride with Music (PM)

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday – Pisa Sightseeing En Route to Florence

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Pisa. On arrival, view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, the Duomo, and the Monumental Cemetery. The four monuments of this extraordinary piazza make for a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. En route to Florence, visit a local Tuscan farm in the countryside for a wine tasting with local specialties. Evening at leisure

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Tuesday – Florence City Tour

Today's morning tour begins with a walk to the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistery's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Continue to explore the open air art museum of Signoria Square ending at Ponte Vecchio, known as the "Old Bridge". Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Florence. This evening, dine in an authentic Tuscan restaurant in the countryside.

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Wednesday – Sun Route Via Assisi to Rome

Today travel along the famous "Sun Route" motorway to the medieval the city of Assisi, renowned for its 13th century Basilica of St. Francis and Giotto's frescoes. Continue to your hotel in Rome

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Thursday – Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel

Today begins with the visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Stroll through St. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade, to visit St. Peter's Basilica, where

you will view Michelangelo's Pieta. This highly-finished marble sculpture depicts the body of Jesus in the arms of Mary after the Crucifixion and is considered to be among the most compelling of all works of art in the Western world. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Optional: Piazzas of Rome (PM)

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Friday – Depart for the USA

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast